#### 2017 Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative

# LYNN

**Funded Partners** 

Catholic Charities North, Family and Children's Service of Greater Lynn, Lynn Parks and Recreation Department, Lynn Police Department, Straight Ahead Ministries

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts's Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model (CGM). Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. In each Shannon community, partners implement strategies that align with the CGM and respond to community problems. These strategies include education and employment opportunities, case management and street outreach or intervention, positive youth development and recreation, and coordinating a law enforcement response through suppression. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years, live in a high-risk area, and be high-risk or at-risk of becoming involved, or are currently involved, in gang activity. To learn more visit: <a href="https://www.mass.gov/service-details/shannon-community-safety-initiative-csi">https://www.mass.gov/service-details/shannon-community-safety-initiative-csi</a>

## **Funding Allocation**



771 Total Youth Served

74% **††††††††** 

Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity due to the presence of known risk factors such as exposure to gang affiliates in their home or community.

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High-Risk

Youth exposed to the same risk factors as at-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as school failure, dropping out, truancy, substance abuse, and gang involvement as an affiliate or member not yet participating in violent criminal activity.

17% **† † † † † † † †** 

Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

### =10% of Youth Served

## Shannon Strategies & Outcomes

Positive Youth
Development
&
Recreation\*



Participated in Recreation Programs

560

Stayed Away from Gang Activity

409

Case Management & Street Outreach or Intervention



75
Received Street
Outreach Services

Received Case Management Services

43

Education & Employment



11
Completed a Subsidized Employment Program

Obtained Unsubsidized Employment

11

Suppression



56 Hot Spot Patrols Completed

Law Enforcement Supported Home Visits

33

Community Mobilization



653

People Attended Events, Meetings, and Presentations Community Events, Meetings, and Presentations Held

46

\* Positive Youth Development refers to intentional efforts to provide opportunities for youth to enhance their interests, skills, and abilities.

Massachusetts	Community Risk Factors	Lynn
6,811,779	Total Population (2016 Estimate)	92,697
11.4%	Population Lives in Poverty	20.0%
3.8%	Unemployment Rate	4.0%
953,748	Total School Population) (2016-2017)	15,299
30.2%	Economically Disadvantaged	51.7%
1.8%	High School Dropout Rate	5.1%

Sources: www.census.gov/quickfacts; profiles.doe.mass.edu/; www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/

## Gang Activity in Lynn

10 Street Gangs

200 Gang Members During 2017, the Lynn Police Department monitored the activity of approximately 10 identified gangs with an estimated 200 gang members and associates. Older gang members were involved in trafficking weapons and selling drugs. A group of middle school and high school teens emerged calling themselves "Glo-Boys." Younger gang members promoted their gangs through wearing their colors, tagging buildings, and on social media.

## 5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2013-2017





